

REMARKS

Please cancel claims 56-63 without prejudice to the filing of continuation applications.

With regard to the IDS filed March 25, 2003, a copy of a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on that date, along with copies of references cited therein, were attached to the Second Amendment After Final, filed by applicant on March 9, 2005. Consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement and references cited on that date is respectfully requested. The Applicants respectfully request that an initialed copy of the submitted documents be included with the next official paper transmitted by the Office as confirmation of receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement, and as confirmation of consideration of the listed references.

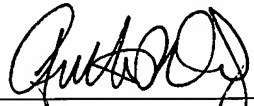
With regard to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 10, 2004 the Applicants note with appreciation that acknowledgment of the paper Information Disclosure Statement filed by mail on that date, including references BL and BM, was received by the Applicant with the Final Office Action dated November 10, 2004. However an additional Information Disclosure Statement, namely an electronic Information Disclosure Statement was also filed on May 10, 2004. A copy of the submitted electronic Information Disclosure Statement was attached to the Second Amendment After Final, filed by applicant on March 9, 2005. The Applicants respectfully request that an initialed copy of the submitted document related to the electronic Information Disclosure Statement be included with the next official paper transmitted by the Office as confirmation of receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement, and as confirmation of consideration of the listed references.

Closing Remarks

Entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested. It is submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested. If prosecution of the application can be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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